

HB 254 -- Obstruction of Justice

Sponsor: Bringer

This bill creates the crime of obstruction of justice when a person, intending to prevent the apprehension or obstruct the prosecution or defense of a person, knowingly:

- (1) Destroys, alters, conceals, or disguises physical evidence; plants false evidence; or furnishes false information;
- (2) Induces a material witness to leave the state or conceal himself or herself; or
- (3) Leaves the state or conceals himself or herself while possessing material knowledge.

The crime will be a class A misdemeanor unless the person obstructs prosecution or defense of a felony in which case it will be a class D felony.